

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): It is stated in the answer that the occurrence of theft cannot be said to be solely due to the inadequacy of staff. May I know the other causes for theft?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Thefts occur sometimes. There is no particular reason.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether the question of appointing temporary staff—

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, there is another question by the same member about the temporary staff. I submit that the member's present supplementary question arises under that and not under this question.

Teachers to be promoted as Headmasters of V. P. Schools.

126 * **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is, in the office of the Director of Public Instruction, a complete list of teachers according to seniority who are to be promoted as Headmasters of V. P. Schools; and

(b) if not, on what basis the promotion is given?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a). A gradation list is being prepared.

(b) Pending preparation of the above list, strictly temporary arrangements are being made by putting the seniormost persons in the respective Divisions, to act in the vacancies.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether in preparing the gradation list, the preferential claims of teachers who have acted will be considered when permanent arrangements are made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I take it that acting claims should not be put forward as a claim for preferential treatment when permanent arrangements are made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Divisional Inspectors have been given instructions that these arrangements should be strictly temporary.

Veluthedathu Nairs.

127. * **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are members of the Veluthedathu Nair community who have passed the B. A. Degree Examination; and

(b) if so, whether they are employed in Government service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Government have no information.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): May I know whether applications have been made to the Secretariat and to the Excise and the Police Departments by graduates belonging to this community for appointments?